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The sun, the light, the day,
Sing me a song of summer,
That the dark from the bright may borrow,
And the heat of the whole of them
May drown its little sorrow.

Sing me a song of summer,
With its heat and its light,
And spreads his glowing mantle,
And where he comes his quickening touch
Revives the inane dead,
And gives the dead a fresh pulse of things
Beats music to his tread.

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"The long nine-pounder was crammed to the muzzle with nails, bullets and scrap iron, while cutlasses, muskets and pistols—all that could be made—were piled in readiness for the battle.

"All hands were on deck, the mate taking charge of the sailors, play the piano and boat of an acquaintance with the fine arts, but they can't work. They have got fine minds, but their bodies are sickly puny and weak. To tell the truth, the men are not fit for our climate, our work or our circumstances. Our fathers worked twelve or fourteen hours a day, and, excepting of getting tired, were up when the sun went down.

"The sloop was kept off for Campeachay Bay, which was reached in safety, but, oh! you think we had got the heat of the sun? No, not that time, but we hadn't.

"I succeeded better at Champeachay in disposing of the Mabel's cargo than expected. The prices were good, the profits large, and I nearly filled her up with a cargo of cochineal, logs, which last was packed in kegs, shipped carefully away in the run.

"I had succeeded so much better than I had hoped for that I resolved to clear for New York direct. I was all ready for sea, but before leaving our gramma took it into her head that she would do to do some trading, so I took her ashore to buy the articles she required.

"It was late in the afternoon when we drifted into a refreshment saloon or cafe for a cup of coffee and a roll, before pulling off to the ship. A number of persons were coming and going continually, to whom I paid no attention—their movements were nothing to do with me.

"I suddenly felt Betsy's hand tighten on my arm, which caused me to glance up at her in surprise. Her face was flushed, her eyes drooping, and I knew something out of the common run had happened.

"What is it, wife?" I asked in a low tone.

"Don't look up," she said; "but there under the large lamp in the rear of the room, is that wicked pirate who has been troubling us and fired at us some ago."

"It was in the year 1830 that I took command of the clipper schooner Mabel. She was a beauty, and no mistake—long and low, and rakish, with sprays and canvas that would have answered for a boat almost twice her size. She was well manned, carried one gun just below the forecastle—for you must know, youngster, she was destined for a dangerous trade—at least dangerous at that time. We were destined for California, Los Angeles, and the Tropics, in the gulf of Mexico, which was reported as swarming with pirates.

"I owned an interest in the Mabel, and our gramma then was anxious to take a voyage with me; so, as the accommodations were fine, I concluded to gratify her; but I never did approve of petticoats on board ship, nor have I ever done.

"You had better tell your gramma the number of days you spent toing and froing, I said to her, and when I had done, she said, 'I will consent to go,' replied the ever-hairied dame, glancing over her spectacles at her ancient spouse, who, however, paid no attention to the interruption.

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Though the veil of my grief let me cherish,
Still festing in the gloom of the day,
When the band of winter shall perish
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CATCHING A TARTAR.

"So you want grandpa to tell you a story, do you?" Well, you have been a good boy, and I suppose you shall have a yarn—one that your grandpa will remember, I'll be bound.

She says I like to spin the yarns as well as you do to hear them, and to tell you the truth, it does remind me of the days that are now past and gone.

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"Your grandma finally prevailed upon me to take some rest, and, leaving the deck at midnight in charge of the chief mate, I went below, after charging him strictly to call me if any strange sail were sighted.

"There, grandpa, that will do with that portion of your story. That boy probably knows a great deal of your sea terms."

"You attend to knitting, Betsy, and I'll spin the yarn. Your grandmas, the good old dame, did not have a wrinkle in them, and her cheeks were as red as roses."

"When I got on deck there was the stranger close under the stern; and no wonder the mate was excited when he called me for a man freight."

"Betsy went a musket ball whizzing by my ear, as he rounded to under my lee."

"He hailed me in broken English, ordering me to heave to and he would send a boat aboard."

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"I had heard, but never credited, that the certain Spanish merchants received a percentage of profit from piratical vessels, in the fitting out of which it was more than suspected they were interested. But I made up my mind to teach the unprincipled rascals a lesson which they would not forget for a while."

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"I had come to the wind, taking care to keep steerage way on her, edging up to windward the whole time, while the pirate was drifting bodily to leeward. I watched my opportunity, and as the boat was being lowered, I went about on the outside of the vessel, up to windward, at the rate of nine knots an hour. I knew it was our only chance to save the life of your grandma and all on board. To be sure we ran the risk of being crippled by his shot, but I took the chances."

"A broad sheet of flame issued from the pirate's bows, and the iron globe buried itself full a quarter of a mile ahead of us."

"I shot off shot followed in quick succession, but beyond tearing our canvas no damage was sustained by the saucy Mabel."

"Every moment the distance be-

ween us was increasing, and the pirate expected to see his prey escaping, and suddenly, displaying his entire broadside.

I saw what was coming, and shod for all hands to lie flat on deck, while I, grasping your grandma round the waist, dove below. I was none too soon to escape the whistling storm of which tore over the ship. It may be splinters fly, but no one was hurt; sheets and halfards, booms and stays remained intact, and in less than six hours our antagonist was half down but hallards stretched along deckway to be manned at a moment's notice.

"The long nine-pounder was crammed to the muzzle with nails, bullets and scrap iron, while cutlasses, muskets and pistols—all that could be mustered—were put in readiness for use and distributed to the crew.

"All hands were on deck, the mate taking charge of the forecastle with his watch, while I remained aft with the remainder. All lights had been extinguished, the vessel was wrapped apparently in shudder and silence, and sickly, puny and wan. To talk the matter plainly, we were bred the bone and muscle out of our families until we have got a kind of human Jersey, fine-bred, mild-eyed, and nice to look at, and put on exhibition, but so tender and weak that they are fit neither for our climate, our work, our circumstances. Our fathers worked twelve or fourteen hours a day and never thought of getting sleep. We are not, then, we are not four hours—our montane, butter and cheese—our mutton and chowches, fed the pigs and chickens, milked the milk, made the clotting for the family, and when a shower was coming, to tend the baby and another to do the housework, a boy to do the chores, and if we keep more than one cow, a cheese-factory to prevent the milk from spoiling. It is safe to say that ten farmers' wives to-day may do as much work as would two fifty years ago. As a farming people we are played out. If the people of this country had a wife to help him, instead of one to hang ribbons on and pour paint medicines into, would just go down in our city and find a good, strong, vigorous, industrious and frugal Irish or German girl, he would have his farm better by it than now, and his children would be likely to be worth ten times as much as farmers as will be any of the next generation.

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FARM AND HOME.

Feeding Swine in Summer.

Now is the true way to fatten pigs, at any season of the year, to give a portion of coarse food such as turnips, beets, carrots, potatoes, cooked clover, hay, grass, the last being the natural food of the pig, and in summer always at hand. While in cold weather it is necessary to resort to roots, which have required manual labor to grow, in summer the pig can get its own grass, and only requires a moderate allowance of grain to keep it growing rapidly and have greater room for the knife when it comes to fatten. If we take all the pigs fattened in the United States in a year, and change the time of fattening from cold to warm weather, one-half of the grain now fed will make all the pork. This would be a saving of food, at least to the amount of \$75,000,000 per year.—Southern Farmer.

A Good Cement.

A good cement for mending almost anything may be made by mixing together litharge and glycerine to the consistency of thick cream or fresh putty.

This cement is good for mending stone jars or any coarse earthenware, stopping leaks in seams of tin-pans wash-bowls, cracks and holes in iron kettles, etc.

Holes an inch in diameter in kettles can be filled and used the same for years in boiling water and feed. It also may be used to fasten lamp-tops, to tighten loose nuts, to secure bolts whose nuts are lost, to tighten loose joints of wood or iron, loose boxes in wagon-hubs, and in a great many other ways. In all cases the articles mended should not be used until the cement is hardened, which will require from one day to a week, according to the quantity used. This cement will resist the action of water, hot or cold, acids, and almost any degree of heat.

Why Some Farmers Keep Poor

A recent writer says: "After long observation I have come to the conclusion that a great majority of the farmers that are poor might have made money. If you inquire into their business habits you will always find that they always sold the best and kept the poorest. For instance, if they have too many sheep on hand, they pick out the best to be sold. If you ask them why they do so, they will say, 'Because they bring more as well as others, and I am not able just now for money.' I know that it is not a good plan, but I do not intend to follow it always." I think the habit of selling the best is a very plain plan for any man. I don't care what his circumstances may be. I have a man in my mind who always sells his poorest sheep for more than twice as much as the average farmer gets for his best. I have seen farmers in the fall pick out their best pigs to fatten, because they would make a few more pounds of pork than the others. This is a very poor economy.

Artichokes.

Two years ago I went to a neighbor's and got about a quart of artichokes, a small, oblong variety, and planted them in good ground at home. I did not dig the product until next spring, after the rabbits had worked all winter upon the crop. When I went to dig them it looked as if I should not get a full paid for it, seemed as if every stalk had been undermined by rabbits. But I dug 34 bushes, and I left enough to seed the ground thicker than I planted them. These 32 bushes I cut into small pieces and planted as follows: the ground was stiff soil; I cut shallow furrows, about twenty inches apart, with a scouter plow, and dropped the cut artichokes about ten inches apart. The area of ground planted was about $\frac{1}{2}$ of an acre. Part of the rows were covered with two furrows with the scouter, and broke out the middle with the same number of rows I covered with a drily, leaving two furrows of sod on top of the seed. This was all I did to them. I did not cultivate. Late last winter I turned my hand into the artichokes, and they rooted the ground all over, completely overthrowing it, and seemed to thrive well on them. Now my artichokes are up nicely all over, as even as sown wheat, and fully thick enough. The rooting of pigs and the bits of artichokes dropped from their mouths in eating, have spread the seeds most admirably. I expect an enormous crop this year. I intend to ultimately have all my artichokes planted with them. Those now planted are across one end. I think they will benefit my orchard, as pigs and chickens following them, will doubtless destroy many insects that prey upon our fruit. I think, furthermore, that after pigs are taken off the artichokes, in the latter part of winter, oats might be plowed under, and thus a good spring and summer pasture for calves obtained.—J. B. B., in Arkansas Grange.

Progress in Russia.

The Department of Agriculture. In a leading editorial under the above heading the Country Gentleman remarks: "The existence and support of the department may be taken as evidence of a desire on the part of our law-makers to conciliate the agricultural interest, but we may state frankly that we do not think the agricultural interest knows what it wants; and that congress seems to be equally in the dark on the subject."

The Country Gentleman has at its head: "Combined farms forty-seven years." Putting the facts together the implication is that educated farmers who have read the Geneve Farmer, Albany Cultivator and Country Gentleman for twenty-seven years, probably representing the "agricultural interest," do not know what they want congress to do for agriculture; and that congress is equally in the dark on the subject. This is a curious state of things, and shows how little thought has been given to this great national interest by either sovereigns or subjects, rulers or ruled, in a nation of farmers. The department has cost for printing reports and all other expenses, \$355,284 a year on an average for the last fourteen years.

The yearly expenses of the army since the war have averaged over thirty-five million dollars. From these figures it follows that it will take the bureau of agriculture one hundred years to draw from the public treasury as much money as the gentleman who were shoulder straps and live fat will take out in one year. Unlike former officers, from General Sherman down, know what they want congress to do.

Formerly a dollar a head for each man, and child, paid all the expenses of the government; now the army and navy wants a larger contribution for themselves alone.

We profess a religion which teaches man to bear his swords into plowshares, and his spears into pruning-hooks; but what is our practice? Our agriculture must go down or go up; which shall it be? Do farmers ask their law-makers to do anything for the improvement of village, the last being the natural food of the pig, and in summer always at hand. While in cold weather it is necessary to resort to roots, which have required manual labor to grow, in summer the pig can get its own grass, and only requires a moderate allowance of grain to keep it growing rapidly and have greater room for the knife when it comes to fatten. The other day, at the wedding, the young gentleman who had been shoulder straps and live fat, was married to the young lady alone. Go whatever he would, he always found half a dozen of his hated rivals at the house in advance of himself. At length, growing desperate, he proposed to the young lady to be second man at the wedding. The other declined the invitation, saying that if he could not be first he did not care for anything.

After a boy is tired out losing potees, nothing seems to rest him more than to dig over a few square rods of the coyote returned to get some more chickens, and, under the impression that

A YEAR'S EARTHQUAKES.

Their Average Time of Occurrence—The Record of 1872.

Manifestations of internal force beneath the earth's crust, in the shape of either earthquakes or volcanic eruptions, occur on an average three times a week in greater or less intensity in some part of the globe. Such, at least, is the conclusion to be arrived at from the compilation of all the recorded phenomena of this kind in the year 1875, lately prepared by Prof. Fuchs, and printed in a German scientific journal. Out of the public treasury are spent in time of peace about one million dollars to support a standing army one year as it does to maintain the department of agriculture, including all printing, one hundred years of agriculture so deep in the mine and in the agricultural mind so hopelessly in darkness, that neither can be elevated or improved. Does progress mean that congress shall neglect and ignore the greatest industry of the republic, the real source of the nation's wealth, and squander infinite millions on art and sciences which teach man to kill his brother man? The trade of human butchery is a bl o l-thirty calling.

Household Matters.

BARLEY WATER.—On two spoons of crushed barley pour one quart of boiling water, cook ten minutes and strain. Then add a glass of calf's foot jelly, or if not to be had, add lemon flavoring. A good drink for the sick.

TO CLEAN COLLARS AND WRISTBANDS.—Grease the soiled parts before wetting with any kind of fat or dripping; let them remain a few hours, or over night, wash with soap and water, and wash again, perfectly clean.

GOOSMARD'S SAUCE.—Pick a pint of green gooseberries, put in a small unglazed copper sugar pan, with boiling water; boil about ten minutes, drain quickly, press through a sieve and mingle with the same quantity of well-boiled white starch.

BLACK CAKE.—One cupful butter, one and a half cupfuls sugar, one-half cupful molasses, three eggs, one cupful milk, one nutmeg, one teacupful each of cloves and cinnamon, four cupfuls flour, two pounds raisins, one pound currants, one-fourth pound citron.

TO COOK SWEETBREADS.—First wash and perfectly clean them out into long slices and about half an inch thick; dry them well, and then fry in butter or drippings; do not use crackers, bread crumbs or eggs in frying, for too much grease will be absorbed and thereby spoil the delicacy of the cooking.

TO WASH BLUE FLANNEL.—Do not let flannel remain long in any water; have the water clean, and as hot as can be comfortable for the hands; use one heapingful of pulverized borax, for every tap of water; use soap sparingly, as it is apt to harden the flannel; rinse quickly in clear hot water; wring very dry, then shake well, and beat or stretch out with the hands; hang in a good shady place to dry quickly.

THE CZAR AND HIS BROTHER.

Two stories that are told of Leouzon, Duke of the czar of Russia and of his brother Constantine in their early youth, are interesting as showing the strict impartiality in which they were brought up.

Constantine, who held at fourteen years of age the post of grand admiral, but who remained under the guidance of Admiral Lukie, promoted to a salve to the czar, was elected to an emirate of nine heights, and streams of lava, a mile and a half wide and fifteen miles long, flowing in all directions. Vesuvius and Etina were nearly so full of life during that year. The Sicilian mountain only gave three or four signs of activity, which were unaccompanied, save with two slight exceptions, by any outward manifestations, though in January some damage was done by sharp shocks of inward lava. These phenomena occurred in January and December, and were accompanied by simultaneous earthquakes and subterranean noises in the sister volcano, Vesuvius, which gave forth clouds of smoke at intervals. In Java there was a serious eruption of Kleet at the beginning of 1875, whereby the settlement of Bilkar was destroyed and other damage done. The New Zealand geysers, or springs of boiling water, similar to the celebrated fountain of Iceland, were unusually active, and last year the earth had opened, lasting, in some instances, for many weeks—notably on the occasion of the eruption of Vettina, on Jan. 2, when the red-hot matter continued to flow till the end of March.

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FARM AND HOME.

Feeding Swine in Summer.

Now the true way to fatten pigs, at any season of the year, is to give a portion of coarse food such as turnips, beets, carrots, potatoes, cooked clover, hay, grass, the last being the natural food of the pig, and in summer always at hand. While in cold weather it is necessary to resort to foods, which have required manual labor to grow, in summer the pig can get its own grain, and only requires a moderate allowance of grain to keep it growing rapidly and have ready for the knife when seasons come to grow. If we take all the hogs fattened in the United States in a year, and change the time of fattening from cold to warm weather, one-half of the grain now fed will make all the pork. This would be a saving of food, at least to the amount of \$75,000,000 per year.—*Southern Farmer.*

A Good Cement.

A good cement for mending almost anything may be made by mixing together litharge and glycerine to the consistency of thick cream or fresh puppy. This cement is useful for mending stone jars or any coarse earthenware, stopping leaks in tins—pan wash-boilers, cracks and holes in iron kettles, etc. Holes an inch in diameter in kettles can be filled and used the same for years in boiling water and feed. It also may be used to fasten lamp-tops, to tighten loose nuts, to secure bolts whose nuts are lost, to tighten loose joints of wood or iron, loose boxes in wagon-hubs, and in a great many other ways. In all cases the articles mended should not be used until the cement is hardened, which will require from one day to a week, according to the quantity used. This cement will resist the action of water, hot or cold, acids, and almost any degree of heat.

Why Some Farmers Keep Poor.

A recent writer says: "After long observation I have come to the conclusion that a great majority of the farmers that are poor might have made money if you inquire into their business habits you will always find that they always sold the best and kept the poorest. For instance, if they have too many sheep on hand, they pick out the best to be sold. If you ask them why they do so, they will say, 'Because they bring twice as much as the others, and I am hard up just now for money.' I know that it is not a good plan, and I do not intend to follow it always." I think the habit of selling the best is a very poor plan for any man. I don't care what his circumstances may be. I have a man in my mind now who always sells his poorest sheep for more than twice as much as the average farmer gets for his best. I have seen farmers in the fall pick out their best pigs to fatten, because they would make a few more pounds of pork than the others. This I call a very poor economy.

Artichokes.

Two years ago I went to a neighbor's and got about a quart of artichokes, a small, oblong variety, and planted them in good ground at home. I did not dig the product until next spring, after the rabbits had worked all winter upon the crop. When I went to dig them it looked as if I should not get a full pair, for it seemed as if every stalk had been undermined by rabbits. But I dug 3 bushels, and I left enough to send the ground thicker than I planted them. These 3 bushels I cut into small pieces and planted as follows: The ground was stiff soil; I cut shallow furrows, about twenty inches apart, with a scythe plow, and dropped the cut artichokes in them in bunches, about 3 inches apart. The area of ground planted was about 5 of an acre. Part of the rows I covered with two furrows, with the sooner, and broke out the middles with the same, and part of them I covered with a Drifly, turning two furrows of sod on top of the seed. This was all I did to them—I did not cultivate. Late last winter I turned my hogs into the artichokes, and they rooted the ground all over, completely mellowing it, and seemed to thrive well on them. Now my artichokes are up nicely all over, as even as sown wheat, and fully thick enough. The rooting of pigs, and the bits of artichokes dropped from their mouths in eating, have spread the seeds most admirably. I expect an enormous crop this year. I intend to ultimately have all my orchard planted with them. Those now planted are across one end. I think they will benefit my orchard, as pigs and chickens following them, will doubtless destroy many insects that prey upon our fruit. I think, furthermore, that after pigs are taken off the artichokes, in the latter part of winter, oats might be plowed under, and thus a good spring and summer pasture for calves obtained.—*J. B. B., in Arkansas Grange.*

PROGRESS IN RUSSIA.

The Czar Alexander has an extraordinary civilization. In the midst of a war on a gigantic scale, he has ordered the vigorous prosecution of the work on the buildings of the great Siberian university at Omsk, which are to be finished in 1880. Omsk is the capital of western Siberia, and the university will be sustained by the government. The czar has also issued orders for the immediate prosecution of the work on the central Asian railway. This road commences at Moscow and is completed to Samara, on the river Volga, a distance of six hundred miles. From Samara the road will run to Tashkend, in the province of Khiva, and thence to the point in Kashgar on the confines of China. This stupendous undertaking has become necessary on account of the rapidity of the Russian conquest of central Asia. At present troops and provisions consume much time reaching central Asian posts, although the rivers flowing into the Caspian sea are utilized to a great extent for transportation purposes.

COUETING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

In the vicinity of one of the small railway stations in Washoe valley resided, a short time ago, a beautiful young lady, who was greatly admired by all the swains in the valley. One of the number, who were greatly infatuated with the fair maiden, was exceedingly annoyed by the fact that he could never have an opportunity of speaking to the young lady alone. Go whatever night he would, he always found half a dozen of his hated rivals at the house in advance of himself. At length, growing desperate, he proposed to the young lady in the presence of one of the swains, and was accepted. Overjoyed at his success, he asked the young gentleman to act as second man at the wedding. The other declined the invitation, saying that if he could not be first he did not care to be anything.

The yearly expenses of the army since the war have averaged over thirty-five million dollars. From these figures it follows that it will take the bureau of agriculture one hundred years to draw from the public treasury as much money as the gentleman who wear shoulder straps and live fat will take out in one year. Unlike former officers, officers from General Sherman down, know what they want congress to do. Formerly a dollar a head for each man, woman and child, paid all the expenses of the government; now the army and navy want a larger contribution for themselves alone.

We profess a religion which teaches man to beat his swords into plowshares,

A YEAR'S EARTHQUAKES.

Their Average Time of Occurrence—The Record of 1872.

Manifestations of internal force beneath the earth's crust, in the shape of either earthquakes or volcanic eruptions, occur on an average three times a week in greater or less intensity in some part of the globe. Such, at least, is the conclusion to be arrived at from the compilation of all the recorded phenomena of this kind for the year 1875, little by little, by Prof. Fuchs, and printed in a German scientific journal. Out of the three hundred and forty-five days that year one hundred were marked by terrestrial disturbances, of which authentic records exist, while there must have been many shocks of more or less violence in unrecorded portions of the globe where volcanic forces are known to exist. The most serious of these observed phenomena occurred at Cucuta, New Granada, on the 16th, 17th, and 18th, of May, when several towns and villages were destroyed; at San Cristobal and Guadaluera, in Mexico, on Feb. 11, at Latacua, in the North Pacific, on March 28; at Lahore, in the Punjab, and at Porto Rico, on the 12th and 13th of December. All these places, it will be observed, are in the torrid zone, with the exception of Lahore, which is only a short distance north of the tropic of Cancer. It is estimated that not fewer than twenty thousand persons lost their lives during the destruction caused by these earthquakes while the damage to property was enormous. In those districts which are liable to disturbances of this nature the buildings are usually and on purpose of a very frail nature, but the losses occasioned are nevertheless very severe, especially as when in the case of the earthquakes of Feb. 11 and of the 16th and 18th of May the shocks are over a fair wider expanse than is indicated by the central outbreak. These disturbances, which threw San Cristobal and Guadaluera and Cucuta and many neighboring villages into ruins, were felt over a considerable portion of Central America and the adjoining parts of the northern and southern continents. Besides the earthquakes which are felt by the inhabitants of the land, there are many disturbances in the depth of the ocean which are probably never observed, and never recorded and similar manifestations of volcanic forces exert themselves beneath the sea, such as recently observed near Hawaii. The great centres of volcanic phenomena are Italy, Iceland, New Zealand, Java, Mexico, the Northern Pacific, and Greece, and all these localities exhibited signs of activity during the year of 1875. The most important outbreaks occurred in Iceland, where, though no great calamity like those to which Vesuvius has given rise occurred, there were several outbreaks on one occasion, viz., in March, the ashes emitted by Vettini were carried on as far as Norway and Sweden, and so dense were the clouds of dust that the sun was obscured and wide districts thrown into darkness. Loud reports and severe shakings accompanied this display, and were felt throughout the island. On six occasions huge streams of lava were poured forth from the different craters opened, lasting in some instances for many weeks—notably on the occasion of the eruption of Vettini, on Jan. 2, when the latter continued to flow till the end of February. In April several eruptions occurred, during one of which the mud was ejected to an enormous height, and streams of lava, a mile and a half wide and fifteen miles long, were a loss—a fact which the raiders determined to attack the guard-house, hoping to secure some officers. The plan was to surround the house, force an entrance, and demand the surrender of the inmates; it was to be a total bound and carried off to the boat which was being able to sail up the river, the other down. The raiders dropped down stream for a few yards until they judged they were at midway between this sentry and the next; then they landed, dashed stealthily a short distance inland, dashed back, and fled unware upon the sentinel, who was totally bound and carried off to the boat which was being able to sail up the river, the other down. 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A SPLENDID LINE

CHEAP CORN FOR SALE—damsed in bulk—will do for stock.

POWELL & BRO.

That sprightly paper, the Fulton Times, has changed hands, Mr. W. W. Hunter succeeding Mr. Murrell in the ownership and editorial control. We wish the paper, under the new management, continued success.

To the retiring editors, Messrs. Murrell and Watson, we wish every measure of success in whatever sphere or association they may go.

New Turnip Seed—Crop 1877.

JUST received from David Landreth & Son, 23 the Turnip Seed, in bulk—assorted kinds—best ever brought to Hickman, for sale at HOLCOMBE'S DRUG STORE.

The law requires that every man who takes up an estuary shall post the same and publish it one month in his county paper. A penalty of \$10 is attached to each violation of this law.

Writing out notices and posting them on trees and on the Court-house doors will not do. We call the attention of Magistrates to these facts. It is their duty to instruct men who post estrays as to their duty, and see they comply with the law.

It is a good law. It gives the man who loses stock a chance to recover it, and our Magistrates should see that it is carried out.

J. R. Brown,

Has one of the most complete Family and Fancy Grocery Stores in town.

CHEATING IN ALL TRADES BUT OURS.—There is cheating in all trades but ours. The newspaper man is compelled to make his paper the standard size every week, and to fill every column to its utmost limit. What sort of show has he alongside of the coal-dealer, who gives 1,800 pounds of coal for a ton, or the huckster, who gives three pieces of potatoes for a bushel, or the turner, who puts a quart of corn into a pint box, regardless of the strain on the box? They are "light weights" in the editorial profession, in one sense, but there are no "short weights." And they are content with the advantages this fact gives them, for they know that you must be honest to be happy.—Shelby Sentinel.

CONTESTING THE SCHOOL TAX.

Of the tax-payers of the Hickman School District, have determined to contest the election, held the 1st Saturday in July, by which an additional tax of 25 cents was levied in this district.

On motion, ordered that check be drawn on Treasurer for above amount.

On motion, committee on Moulton street, were continued with instructions.

On motion, ordered that check be drawn on Treasurer in favor of John Troutwein, for \$34.00, balance due on check No. 662 which was lost or stolen, according to affidavit of Mr. Troutwein.

On motion, adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, at regular meeting night.

Attest: A. P. WILSON, C. C.

ALL THE NOVELTIES

In Situ Handkerchiefs, Neck Ties, Scarfs, &c., at Popular Prices.

A Full line of Boots and Shoes.

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A New and full Stock of Gent's

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The only place in Hickman to

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Kid Shoes—every pair Warranted.

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Recollect Our Motto Is

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PEOPLE VS. FOREIGN COMMISSION MERCHANTS.—This is the season, when annual complaints, loud and deep, are uttered against the "perfidy," "rascality," etc., of foreign commission merchants, by those who have been shipping wheat, apples, &c. Much of this is unfounded, and much no doubt real truth. There are no doubt, hundreds of honest, upright commission merchants in the great cities, whose produce is bought and sold, but there is no denying but that many of them are really the contrary, and bleed the poor people whenever opportunity affords.

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As honorable a profession as there is in life, and the one in which there is in reality more elegance of manners, is that of

SALESMEN IN STORES.

I'm not going to repeat the stereotyped accusations of counter-hoppers. It is an honorable and worthy avocation, and one that demands the politest culture. But, the tiniest, littlest, most inconceivable minute specimens of the genus homo, are too often found behind the merchants counter. I mean the officious merchants who, not only sweep with a courteous exuberance of their wits and wares, but an unbridled display of empty-headed complacency to every lady who may chance to enter the store. The poor goose thinks to make himself agreeable and popular, and the poor woman is compelled by custom to whimper, nod, giggle, and smile as if she was pleased, when in her real soul she contemns the creature before her. Merchants are judged by their clerks, and they should protect their customers from such shallow pated fellows. Give one of these creatures three months' experience with the yard-stick, a paper collar, fancy neck-tie, and a ratty stick on Sunday, and the long row runs in his father's field are remembered no more. He is the "mirror of fashion"—the mode, the style—the *Cherubfeld* of the day—in his own opinion. Ladies regret such superciliousness in clerks, because they are forced to come in contact with them. Clerks should content themselves with what is necessary, and be necessary to prevent the loss of trade, but not to sell to men who are desirous of circumlocution, and who are compelled to pay commissions drumming for business—and they pay their tribute toward helping to keep up the swarm of "go-betweens" in the large cities; and only enough make anything to draw more on next season.

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Editor COURIER.—Why not nominate an gallant enterprise wherever found. In the West, under every preception of propriety, young ladies are to be expected as premiums, and it is becoming universal to name them. At the first glance, these "matrimonial distributions" would seem not in good taste, but matrimony is a lottery, and if guarded by every rule of decorum and propriety, the offering of such premiums not only prove interesting but also extremely beneficial.

1st. Your County Fair proper has nothing to do with the "matrimonial distribution," except to permit each and every admission ticket, sold to an educated merchant, to number him, to be called a man—men who have no special interest in the rate of wages paid railroad men—had compelled the striking forces that tramps travel from place to place of the country to the frontiers of the nation, and forced to 50 upon the strikers, as that the labor organizations in all parts of the country are known to sympathize with the movement, which threatened to become general.

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The lawyer, the doctor, the mechanician, has to acquire certain qualifications, before he can be recognized as such, but any man, the happy owner of a few thousand, who chooses, may assume to be a merchant. I imagine, there is no line of life, which is truth, requires more minute knowledge or more general information. Ladies, for the most part, are educated merchants in as far as quality of goods is concerned, and keep pretty well posted as to style. We sometimes, enjoy the "greenness" of the merchant, and especially stop. If a lady desire society association, they will most likely be invited, on some social occasion.

There are many symptoms of more serious trouble than this any other country has ever known from labor combinations. Among these may be noted the facts that the people along the lines of roads involved in the trouble sympathize with and encourage the strikers; that many unemployed men—men who have no special interest in the rate of wages paid railroad men—had compelled the striking forces that tramps travel from place to place of the country to the frontiers of the nation, and forced to 50 upon the strikers, as that the labor organizations in all parts of the country are known to sympathize with the movement, which threatened to become general.

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I come again, in response to the encor-

age an actress on the stage. Some ladies, who have borne my criticisms approvingly, think, I should not risk the chair editorial, without giving the man his parting salute. But here's what woman's heart can! They die in it a thousand respects, but die ill only laugh at ridiculous and worse, "compliment" out of my season, and when they are gone I'll bear myself for being so silly!

But, the women won't forgive, unless I hit the men too. So here's at 'em!

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A FULL LINE OF

Ladies' Shoes, in all Styles and of the Very Best Make, Cheaper Than Ever.

In Gentlemen's Hats

We Have a Full and Complete Stock Embracing all the New Styles in Fur, Wool, Silk, Panama, and Leghorn Hats, at Bottom Prices.

A Beautiful Line of

Cassimere Coatings and Pant's Goods, Very Good and Very Cheap.

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Local News.

We learn that Hon. Oscar Turner has removed from Ballard county, and taken up his residence in Louisville. Fulton Times.

Nashville, Tenn., is going to enter

the American scientists who meet

there August 20th, in the most hospitable manner.

The fine rains of last week seem

to have extended all over the State, and

of incalculable value to corn, grass and other growing crops.

Mrs. Hickman, of Hickman, Ky.,

has had five pairs of twins.—[St. Louis Daily Journal.]

Who is she?

The Mayfield Monitor states the

situation in the Purchase, in this ter-

rible way:

"Money pleaser."

"Merchants happier."

"Business is reviving."

FRESH HOME RAISED TURNIP SEED,

at [27-14] JOHN WITTING'S.

The live, enterprising drug house of Buck & Cowgill, increase their advertising this week to double its former size.

They are doing a good and increasing business.

BEST WITTING'S FLOUR, Clean-

at [27-14] JOHN WITTING'S.

The heirs of the Jennings estate were called upon to meet at Ford's Hotel in Richmond, Va., the other day. The lawyers were unable to picture the case in such rosy colors as to assure the advance of \$10,000, so needed to carry the case on. Mrs. Hardester was the prime mover.

Frankfort Yeoman: The interesting business of hair cutting has been going on at the prison for several days. The process is decidedly novel, being done by machinery. It requires just one minute and five seconds to trim the hair of a white man, and about two minutes for a negro.

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2d. No young lady's name will be entered without her consent, and the card will be retained except when the lady is 21.

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